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Briceburg Day-Use Area Vault Toilet and Shade Structure (CA-180-08-64) Decision Record June 2008

1.0 Introduction and Background

BLM will replace the seasonally available portable toilets at the Briceburg Day-Use Area with a permanent vault toilet. BLM will install shade structure(s) at the same site to provide shelter for the recreating public. Based on information in the EA, the project record, and recommendations from BLM specialists, the following constitutes my decision.

2.0 Decision

2.1 Alternatives Considered but not Selected

Under the No Action alternative, the vault toilet and shade structures would not be built. This alternative would negatively affect recreation use because the portable toilets are only available during the high-use summer season and they are more costly and difficult to maintain. The needs for the project, sanitation and shelter from the elements, are basic to visitors' health and enjoyment of public lands. Without this project the public's ability to use this recreation resource will be limited.

2.2 Decision and Rationale

Based on information in the EA, the test site excavation, the project record, and consultation with my staff and the American Indian Council of Mariposa County, I have decided to implement the project as described in the EA. This project will provide basic sanitation, and shelter needs for the public on a permanent basis. The project is not expected to adversely impact any resources.

3.0 Consultation and Coordination

BLM has consulted with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County. A member of the council and a BLM archeologist were present during the excavation to test and survey the precise site for the vault toilet. No significant cultural resources were found.

No special status animal or plant species were found. Limestone salamander habitat is located nearby, on the shady north facing road-fill; but it will not be disturbed. No special status plant habitat was found. Therefore, consultation with USFWS is not necessary.

4.0 Public Involvement

Scoping was announced for the project in July 2008, via BLM's internet site. The EA was available for a formal 15-day public comment period in July 2008 as posted on Folsom Field Office's internet website. No comments were received.

5.0 Plan Consistency

Based on information in the EA, the project record, and recommendations from BLM specialists, I conclude that this decision is consistent with the 2008 Sierra Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Endangered Species Act; the Native American Religious Freedom Act; other cultural resource management laws and regulations; Executive Order 12898 regarding Environmental Justice; and Executive Order 13212 regarding potential adverse impacts to energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

6.0 Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's (Folsom Field Office) internet website.



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7-17-08
Date